

On motion of Mr. Audoun,

It was ordered to be entered on the Journal, that William Brooks, of Baltimore city, is absent from his seat on account of being engaged as one of the board of enrollment and draft in the drawing of the draft in said city.

The Report of the Committee on the Legislative Department,

Was taken up.

The question being on the adoption of the amendment submitted by Mr. Duvall, to wit :

Add to end of section 39 the words "provided however, that no such sale shall be binding on the State until the same shall have been ratified by the General Assembly, after having been duly reported to the same ;"

Mr. Parran submitted the following amendment to the amendment :

Strike out all after the word "been," in the third line and insert the words "duly reported to, and ratified by the General Assembly at the first session thereof after such sale or sales."

On motion of Mr. King,

The further consideration of the amendments to section 39 was postponed.

Mr. Clarke gave notice that at the proper time he would submit the following amendment :

Strike out the section and insert :

"Sec. 39. The Governor, Comptroller and Treasurer of the State, are hereby authorized, conjointly or any two of them, subject to such regulations as the Legislature may from time to time prescribe, to exchange the State's interest in the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad for an equal amount of the bonds or registered debt now owing by the State, and to sell from time to time the State's interest in the other works of Internal Improvement, whether as stockholder or creditor, also the State's interest in any banking corporation, and receive in payment the bonds or registered debt now owing by the State, equal in amount to the price obtained for the State's said interest, provided that the interest of the State in the Washington Branch of the Baltimore and Ohio Rail Road be reserved and exempted from such sale."